

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Specification paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The present application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP02/04868, filed May 3, 2002, designating the United States of America and published in German as WO 02/098692 A1, ~~the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~ Priority is claimed based on Federal Republic of Germany patent document DE 101 26 672.3 filed June 1, 2001 and Federal Republic of Germany patent document DE 102 01 871.5 filed January 18, 2002.

Please amend Specification paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] The invention relates to a system for opening and closing a folding top or moveable vehicle roof of a convertible car.

Please amend Specification paragraph [0009] as follows:

[0009] The linear sensor can be designed as a magnetoresistive sensor, and in particular comprise a magnetized ferrite rod, where the ferrite rod can be magnetized spirally and, as the ferrite rod moves, it is guided past a magnetic field sensor. Such an arrangement has already been described in a patent publication by the company Hoerbiger Hydraulik GmbH, German Patent document DE 198 45 008 A1. In addition, the linear sensor can work according to the principle of variable inductivity, where, for example, a ring can be arranged on a rod so that, as the rod moves, the ring is guided past a coil. In this manner

the position of the rod can also be found in a simple and inexpensive manner. As an alternative, a conductive piston inside a coil could trigger such feedback on the coil that the position of the piston can be inferred from the changing signal voltage.